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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 12, 2022  
**TIME:** Rise of the House  
**PLACE:** Room 35 - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [6618](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Craven, Noret, Fenton-Fung, C Lima**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES - PAYMENTS TO FIRE COMPANIES {LC3493/1} (Same as 21H-5118 -- Provides for an appropriation of state funds to cities and towns who are members of the Narragansett Bay marine task force (NBMTF) for the maintenance of boats providing services to Narragansett Bay.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [6619](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Vella-Wilkinson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- CIVIL AIR PATROL ACT {LC3492/1} (Same as 21H-5111 -- Authorizes state assistance to the Rhode Island wing of the Civil Air Patrol to support continued training and equipment for use by the state during times of natural disaster or emergency.)

01/06/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7235](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Alzate, Vella-Wilkinson, McEntee, Solomon, Amore, Baginski, Craven, Kazarian**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC3396/1} (Sets pharmacist renewal license fee at \$250 biennially and annual nonresident pharmacy location license fee at \$625. Validates pharmacy technician licenses for 2 years. Validates pharmacy intern licenses for 5 years.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [7288](#)**

**BY McLaughlin, Giraldo**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT {LC3208/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the department of environmental management to fund and assist the city of Central Falls in implementing aerial spraying to inhibit the growth of water chestnuts along the Blackstone River.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7383](#)**

**BY Solomon, Donovan, Abney, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY {LC4424/1} (Mandates the RITBA to design a safety barrier or netting system on the Mount Hope Bridge, the Claiborne Pell Bridge, and the Jamestown Verrazzano Bridge by April 1, 2022, with construction commencing no later than January 1, 2023.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7450](#)**

**BY McNamara, Bennett, Vella-Wilkinson, Solomon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO AERONAUTICS -- AIRPORTS AND LANDING FIELDS {LC4211/1} (Increases the amount of reimbursement funds required to be paid by the Rhode Island airport corporation to the city of Warwick for municipal services from five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000).)

02/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7624](#)**

**BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- CENTRAL FALLS BUSINESS COOPERATIVE INCUBATOR {LC5274/1} (Appropriates \$100,000 annually to Fuerza Laboral for the purposes of the development and management of a business cooperative located in Central Falls to increase economic development, assists with job creation and a path to business ownership.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7625](#)**

**BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CITY OF PAWTUCKET DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT {LC5280/1} (Provides that portions of the city of Central Falls would be included within the Pawtucket Downtown Redevelopment Project.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7632](#)**

**BY Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, McEntee, Solomon, Corvese, Knight, Azzinaro**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE -- VETERANS' AFFAIRS {LC5002/1} (Provides that every city and town must maintain a municipal veterans' service officer. Would also authorize a \$100,000 appropriation to be used for support and outreach for veterans.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [7975](#)**

**BY Giraldo, McLaughlin, Alzate, Potter**

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS IN RECOGNITION OF THE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON CENTRAL FALLS AND THE DISPROPORTIONATELY ARPA FUNDING TO THE CITY {LC5485/1} (This joint resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$5,000,000 to the City of Central Falls for relief in combating pandemic threats to the City's public health.)

03/11/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [8007](#)**

**BY Casimiro, Noret, Solomon, Shanley, Vella-Wilkinson, Baginski, Alzate, Felix, McEntee**

**ENTITLED**, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$300,000 FROM THE AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE RHODE ISLAND COMMUNITY ACTION ASSOCIATION (RICAA) TO MITIGATE COSTS INCURRED PROVIDING NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND PROGRAMS TO ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED AND WORKING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES DURING RHODE ISLAND'S COVID RESPONSE EFFORTS {LC5548/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$300,000 to the Rhode Island Community Action Association for funding to assist economically disadvantages families during the State's COVID-19 response efforts.)

03/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8033](#)**

**BY Caldwell, Shanley**

**ENTITLED**, AN ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS § 16-7-44 APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN OF EAST GREENWICH TO FINANCE THE RENOVATION, REHABILITATION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT, IMPROVEMENT, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL, SCHOOL FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SAFETY AND FIRE-CODE RELATED IMPROVEMENTS, ROOFS, HEATING, VENTILATION, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, LANDSCAPING, GROUNDS, ATHLETIC FIELDS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, VEHICLES AND FOOD SERVICE FACILITIES {LC5570/1} (Serves as the enabling act required by Rhode Island general laws § 16-7-44 in order for the interest on bonds issued in support of school housing projects to be eligible for state housing aid reimbursement.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Finance

04/08/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Resolution No. [8034](#)**

**BY Solomon, Donovan, Craven, Cortvriend, Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith**

**ENTITLED,** JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,500,000 FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS TO THE RHODE ISLAND TURNPIKE AND BRIDGE AUTHORITY TO COMMISSION A STUDY TO EVALUATE OPTIONS TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS THE RISK OF SUICIDES ON RHODE ISLAND'S BRIDGES {LC5584/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$1,500,000 to the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority for a study to recommend options to address suicide risks on Rhode Island's bridges.)

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### **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:**

#### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM**

The meeting will be televised live by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

#### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Send written testimony to: [HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)**

**Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).**

Any testimony received without a bill number may not be disseminated to members or posted to the website. Written testimony is posted to the General Assembly website as soon as possible. The posting of documents may be delayed due to high volume and will be delayed if submitted or hand-delivered at hearings.

#### **IN PERSON TESTIMONY**

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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